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Christmas season brings new life to quiet economy

Local lodgings houses and motels and condo rentals are all booked solid for the upcoming Christmas week—and for New Year's as well. In fact, they've been booked solid since Thanksgiving. Chamber of Commerce executive director Robin Zinchuk says the Chamber's reservation service has been trying to find lodging for would-be visitors in towns as far away as Naples.

The glut of reservations is a welcome turnaround for innkeepers, restaurants and others dependent on the tourist trade. Up until this winter, 1989, there has been anything but money for tourism—throughout New England.

A survey by The Citizen found that inns and restaurants in the Bethel area (including Gorham, N.H.) have seen a decline in business so far this year from 5 to 20 percent. However, the recent snowstorms will certainly attract skiers to the area for the final weeks of the year, and a strong business finish could do much to improve the bottom line for the town.

The wood industry—which on the Bethel area has depended for generations—is also in a bit of a slump. With construction of homes down nationwide, the local lumber mills are selling less lumber. The wood turning mills have also seen some of their business evaporate in the general economic malaise. At Gilbert Mfg. Co., in Locke Mills, 20 workers were laid off in October and the mill went from two shifts to one. However, owner Duane Gilbert says he has strong orders coming in early next year and hopes to hire back the laid-off workers.

The Bethel area's economic slump is nothing compared with what is happening statewide, or in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. State governments in all three states are cutting back already approved budgets due to declining tax revenues.

Bethel Savings Bank president Jim Delamater says the local area is in fair shape.

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New rating may lower Newry insurance rates

The Newry selectmen have been informed that because of the town's new fire department, the Insurance Services Office has rated the town as ISO class four.

The new rating applies to all buildings within five miles of the fire station by way of paved roads. According to the insurance office, the new rating should lead to a reduction in insurance for these buildings. The office estimated that such reductions would usually be of approximately 7 percent.

The selectmen also learned that they have been invited to lead the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 3, 1990 in Newry, Northern Ireland. The invitation was

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A LITTLE BOY'S CHRISTMAS FANTASY—It looks like Billy Murphy has stumbled upon Santa's hiding place, but the toys that filled the Murphys' garage over the weekend weren't for Billy and his sister, Erin. The boxes and boxes of toys had been collected by the Bethel Rotary Club's Christmas for Children campaign and will be distributed to needy families in the area in time to turn up again under their trees on Christmas morning. Billy's dad, David, estimates that the campaign will provide toys for more than 100 local youngsters. And, of course, Santa won't forget Billy, 4, who was the campaign's hands-on toy tester, or his sister, who will be celebrating her first Christmas.

(Photo by Michael Daniels)

These last minute gifts can make a big difference for many boys and girls

There are still three shopping days 'till Christmas, but today (Wednesday) is the last day to make contributions to the Bethel Area Rotary Club's Christmas for Children campaign.

Going into the final week before Christmas, the fund was about three-

quarters of the way toward its goal of raising \$5,000. Campaign Chairman David Murphy reports, but contributions are continuing to come in.

Christmas for Children is in its second year. In its first, the campaign raised enough money or gifts to put presents under the Christmas trees for boys and girls in 22 needy families.

This year Mr. Murphy said more than twice that number of families are expected to take advantage of the program.

Mr. Murphy said that while contribution in the form of toys are always welcome—and will find their way to a good home—this year Christmas for Children is encouraging cash (check) contributions. "It really helps us ensure that we get the right age-group distribution to meet all the requests," he said, "and with cash in hand we can often get substantial discounts from the merchants, and that means being able to raise more."

Mr. Murphy said he has sent letters to all the families that have requested toys. If a family had made a request but not received a letter, he urges that they con-

Bethel to be featured on Channel 8 news shows

A film crew from WMTW, Channel 8, was in the area last Monday, Dec. 11, to get footage for the TV station's program "Up Close and Personal" to be aired on Tuesday and Friday, Dec. 12-22, at both the 6 and 11 p.m. news programs.

They started their day at the Red Top Truck Stop, interviewing local residents. From there they proceeded to the skiway to talk with owner Les Otten. Then it was

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Parents, Special Education and Regular staff, Superintendent, Amin. Team and Board of Directors for the commitment and support of the Special Education Programs in MSAD #4. This support was the basis for a successful State Special Education Review.

Ann Holt
Director of Special Services

on to Gould Academy to talk with Headmaster Bill Clough. After a midday period of filming the

Bethel selectmen decide to move recycling bin to village location

The Bethel Board of Selectmen, giving in to the entreaties of the town's Solid Waste Committee and the realization of the situation, decided to move the sparingly used recycling bin from the landfill to the ambulances garage.

The container, which the town leases for \$35 a week, has been at the landfill since October and is still not filled enough to warrant hauling away, the selectmen were informed. Chairman Arlan Jodrey noted, "It's not working."

Selectman Arthur Gilbert, who was the only board member to originally push for an in-town location for the recycling container, said, "I told you so," though he might have. He said simply, "It's an inconvenient location and it's an inconvenience of yes."

The board's action came in response

to a new plea from the Solid Waste Committee to remove the container from the landfill and place it in the village. "Most residents come to town at least once a week," the committee recommended stated, "but many never go to the landfill." The committee recommended siting the container at the town garage.

The selectmen were opposed to that idea, Selectman Peter Doonan said, "I would just be concerned that we'd be asking for an accident."

The location suggested by Mrs. Doonan and approved by the majority of the board, was at the ambulance garage, next door to the town garage. The vote was 3-1. (Selectman Peter Haines was not present.) Mr. Jodrey was opposed because he thought the location of a container in front of the ambulance garage could be dangerous to the ambulance crews. He said he would prefer having the container at the very back of the town garage property, where the crews have a rubbish heap.

The container will be put at its new site after the present container is filled up and hauled away.

The selectmen did not act on a suggestion by the Solid Waste Committee that an inexpensive shed be erected at the town garage for the accumulation of newspapers. Newspapers are currently being collected at a shed at the landfill, as well as in the garage of the Ouwinga residence.

Selectman Jodrey said he viewed cardboard as the biggest problem, because of its bulk, and yet the Solid Waste Committee was not dealing with it. He suggested,

"If we're serious [about recycling] we

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All's well that ends well

It was not a serious accident and local attorney Michael O'Donnell said he would not take the offending party to court.

Hancock, the name of the offending party, backed his car into Mr. O'Donnell's front porch Monday night, causing minor damage.

The careless driver started his errant trip in front of Prim's and backed his pickup across Main Street, finally coming to rest against the O'Donnell porch.

The owner of the pickup, Sue Burnham, was in Prim's while all this was going on and was surprised when she emerged from the store to find her truck gone. She had left it with motor running, under the care of Hancock, her golden retriever.

Sue was pleased to find that her truck had not gone very far and deduced that Hancock had managed to slip it into reverse. It wasn't clear whether he had tried to steer it or whether it had steered itself across Main Street. In any case, Ms. Burnham said she's taking away the dog's license.

Ruling fails to resolve Bethel/Newry dispute over town boundary

It's back to square one for the Bethel/Newry town-line dispute.

After four years of inconclusive debate and mounting legal expenses, the two towns appear as far from a resolution as when they started.

A recent court ruling had been expected to resolve the matter, but Oxford County Superior Court Justice Robert L. Browne's decision last week essentially left it up to the two towns to settle the affair themselves.

The contested line runs between Newry Corner and Gilead Corner. Nearly 200

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Boise plans river access site for canoes in Gilead

Gilead will boast the westernmost Androscoggin River canoe-access site in Maine, under a plan recently agreed to by the Friends of the Androscoggin and Boise Cascade Corp.

Friends' President Steve Wight said the company intends to develop a public canoe-access site in a red pine plantation near the Gilead bridge, and will allow rest stops on a nearby island.

The plan would be subject to town approval.

Boise Cascade approached the Friends of the Androscoggin with the proposal, Mr. Wight said, in part because the organization has made a detailed survey

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A WHITE CHRISTMAS! YOU CAN BET ON IT—Saturday's snowstorm may have put a crimp into some Christmas shopping plans, but it certainly put the end to any chance of have ground on Christmas Day. The center of Bethel and the hills all around took on an even deeper cover of idyllic whiteness, but as these struggling pedestrians on Main Street would be the first to tell you, there is such a thing as too much of a good thing.

(Photo by Michael Daniels)

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Holiday Deadlines

Display and Classified advertising deadlines for the issue of Dec. 27 will be 12 noon, Dec. 22; for the issue of Jan. 3, 12 noon, Dec. 29.

All news items should also be submitted prior to Friday noon for each issue.

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THE SNOW WAS STILL FALLING as skiers began lining up to buy Sunday River lift tickets Saturday. The storm, the hazardous driving conditions it brought with it, and the frigid temperatures and biting winds that came in behind it kept skier numbers down somewhat over the weekend—but Christmas week is coming, and in Portland and points south potential skiers are looking out their windows and seeing white.

Photo by Michael Daniels

Opinions

Time to move the containers

While Greenwood, Woodstock and West Paris continue to invest their money wisely in the field of recycling, the towns of Bethel and Newry continue to throw good money after bad. While the Greenstock and West Paris recycling containers are where everyone in the respective towns can use them (at their respective transfer stations), the recycling containers leased by Bethel and Newry sit relatively unused, away from easy access by local residents.

Both towns are paying \$5 a week for the privilege of having the containers, which were delivered in October. Unless the containers are used, the money could be better spent on roads. In 52 weeks, each town will have invested nearly \$2,000 in a recycling effort that's not getting from easy access by local residents.

The point of the recycling containers is to take recyclable items out of the solid waste stream, thus saving the towns the cost of hauling the recyclables to a transfer station and paying tipping fees to the station. However, as of last week, neither the Bethel container nor the Newry container had been filled to the point where it needed hauling away and replacing with an empty container. Contrast that dismal performance with what happens at the Greenstock recycling center, where a container is filled and hauled away every two weeks.

The Bethel Board of Selectmen, at the urging of their Solid Waste Committee, Monday night agreed to move the container, now sitting at the landfill, to the ambulance garage. However, the board did not make any provision for newspaper recycling, which is still to be done at the landfill. (Nationally, newspapers are considered to account for 25 percent of the bulk that fills up landfills.) Likewise, the board did nothing to facilitate the recycling of cardboard.

Bethel and Newry residents would likely be happy to recycle if given half a chance. Their town officials must make it easier for them to do so.

Bethel officials have taken a first step towards that end. For Newry officials, moving their recycling container nearer the Sunday River part of town would be a move in the right direction. bfw

Peace, good will toward men

With the local Christmas trees lighted, and before getting into the opening of presents, it is worthwhile to pause and consider the events that unfolded nearly 2,000 years ago in the mideast. No matter what one's religious beliefs, it is a timeless story of great beauty.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (This taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Beth-lehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." St. Luke, chap. II

Planning Board OKs ski shop lighting change

The Bethel Planning Board last Wednesday unanimously approved an amendment to the Sunday River Estates/Ski Outlets/Ski Shop site plan application that will allow the sign at the ski shop to be illuminated internally.

The sign now in place at the shop is in compliance with the town's Site Plan Ordinance, but differs from the site plan application in regard to the type of sign and its lighting.

Bob Stowell, the project engineer for the ski shop application, attended the meeting and presented an amendment that would allow the sign to have internal steel support, internal illumination, additional wording and a change of location.

Following a brief discussion, the six board members present (Dennis Doyen did not attend) all agreed to the changes. Board members noted that some neighbors had complained about the sign, but most of these neighbors turned out at the meeting to argue to keep the sign out.

In other action at the very brief meeting, the board approved Frank Gibson's request to make internal changes at the Ripley and Fletcher store on Railroad Street.

The board also agreed that if Jeff and Patti Parsons were to rent out office space at the Ta-Ka-Radi retail store/office building this would be an additional use and would require a site plan amendment. Code Enforcement Officer Sam Timberlake will contact the Parsons

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FROM THE Bethel Town Office

Well, it has been over two months since I have written the Town Office column for the newspaper. Bethel dealing with the sewage plant problems and during my annual two weeks Naval Reserve training duty in October, there has been no time for me to sit down and write the column (which I enjoy doing).

My usual format for each column is to focus upon the issues and projects facing the town. However, I would like to devote this column to some people who have been instrumental in our community that was unexpected of them.

Recently the townspeople and the area law enforcement community were saddened by the untimely death of Lt. Bill Williams of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department. During his long tenure with the Department, this veteran officer often went out of his way to help and trouble those who got themselves into trouble with the law, especially young people. Lt. Bill's law enforcement presence and service will surely be missed by all of us.

For the past three years, one of the most dependable fixtures on Main Street was School Crossing Guard Ed Friel. Ed held this job between 1986 and 1989 until the position was no longer needed. He could always be depended upon to be on the job guiding the younger children across the street.

The weather conditions were what the weather conditions were. Because of his dependability, the enthusiasm he showed for the job and easy-going but firm personality, he gained the respect of both the kids and their parents. Both the Selectmen and myself would like to extend a special thank-you to Ed for a job well done.

After 38 years of service Roger Hanscom has resigned from the Newry Board of Selectmen. During his long association with Newry, Roger showed a good grasp of municipal affairs and practiced fiscal responsibility and was firm in his beliefs. As a result he was well received by municipal officials in other neighboring towns. On a personal level, Roger was always a helpful and considerate gentleman who went out of his way to speak to people. Roger is now residing at the Cozy Inn Nursing Home in Rumford.

In closing, the Board of Selectmen, town employees, volunteer service providers and town manager would like to wish the citizens of Newry a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to thank you for your support and trust during the past year.

Selectmen

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ought to get [Greenwood Selectwoman] Marie Bartlett up here to show us how to do it." Selectwoman Bartlett was the catalyst for spurring the successful recycling effort in the towns of Greenwood and Woodstock. Mr. Jodrey noted that she even offers residents advice on what brands of cat food come in aluminum containers, which can be recycled.

The board, in going along with the Solid Waste Committee's wishes on the placement of the recycling container, also instructed that committee to mount a higher profile recycling campaign to induce more people to use the existing recycling facilities.

Selectman Gilbert pointed out that the state-mandated minimums demand a watchful eye on crime in the community and respond to fires and emergency calls no matter what time of day it is.

As a result of the dedication and hard working public servants, the Bethel Mund-Allen American Legion Post 81 sponsors an annual Christmas recognition dinner. Needless to say, the effort put forth by the members of the Mund-Allen Post on our behalf was very appreciated. It is always nice to be thanked by the people you serve.

In this last column of the 1980s, the Board of Selectmen and myself would like to personally thank each selectman and former full- and part-time municipal employee and volunteer service employee for their/her service to the town during the past decade.

During my Naval Reserve training at the Norfolk Naval Base in October, I was assigned to a ship repair facility. The commanding officer of the facility is Bethel native Leroy Brown. Commander Brown is a 30-year veteran of the Navy and rises through the ranks to become a full Navy commander. He credits much of his success in the Navy to the education he got at Gould Academy. Good going Gould! His parents, James and Beatrice Brown, reside in the Steam Mill area.

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Rodney Lynch
Town Manager

both to the right and left of the Clark Street intersection.

The board also unanimously voted to enter a lease agreement with Roy Newton whereby the town will lease riverfront property behind the Newton and Thibault mill in West Bethel for access to the Androscoggin River. The access site itself will be designed and built by the State Bureau of Parks and Recreation and will be suitable for launching hand-poled boats, as distinct from trailerized boats.

The agreement, which was promoted by the Friends of the Androscoggin River, will run for five years with an annual lease fee of \$1, plus the town will be responsible for any additional taxes on the property due to the improvements to be made. The town will also be responsible for liability insurance and for indemnifying Mr. Newton for any damage done to the property by people using the river access site.

In other action, the board unanimously approved renewal of the liquor license for the Four Seasons Inn.

The board also, with Mr. Thurston abstaining, approved amendments to the town's Special Amusement Permit regulations regarding noise.

The board unanimously agreed to pay another consultant's bill, for \$175, for work at the airport.

Town Manager Rodney Lynch informed the board he has hired a new road crew employee, Robert Theriault, of Bryant Pond. Mr. Theriault is currently working for the Woodstock road crew. Mr. Lynch also appointed a new subforeman at the highway department, David Annis.

Following the open meeting, the board went into a closed-door session to discuss employee salaries and wages for next year. They also again discussed the town manager's priority responsibilities and assignments.

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of recreational opportunities on the river.

The company, he noted, is in the process of applying for re-licensing of its power dam in Rumford, and must provide a recreation plan as part of that application.

The Boise Cascade site will bring to six the number of canoe-access sites either in existence or planned for the Gilead-Hanover stretch of the river.

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Another reason is there are a larger number of children in this class with special needs: learning disabilities, emotional problems, etc.

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We have been told we should be proud of Kevin and we are; but we would like to feel that the community should also be proud for he was very much a product of this community and of the wonderful opportunities that were given him.

In closing, we would like to extend our appreciation to the whole community for giving our many families opportunities for living a good life these past 12 years.

We would like to thank, in particular, everyone whose prayers these past few years have helped to sustain us. We have also helped to sustain Kevin's friends who have visited and supported him over so long and travelled from widely dispersed schools to support us when he died. We could not have cared for Kevin at home without the support of the Health Center staff, in particular Dr. O'Meara; his home health nurse Mary Hickey; from Androscoggin Home Health, and his physical therapist Ellissa Tibodeau.

They are especially grateful to Dr. Deacon, Dr. Donahue, Dr. Sean and family, the Bethel Rotary Club and friends at SAD #44, and all those who brought food to our home, cheered us with plants and flowers, extended their sympathy through cards and notes and helped us establish a living memorial by contributing to the NHS Scholarship Fund.

Finally, we would like to leave everyone with a thought that Kevin started in his high school commencement address. It is a thought which individuals can contribute and make a difference. Where government or institutions often are the major contributors in a urban area, in a rural community such as Bethel, it is most often people who make the difference and in Bethel there have been many who have contributed. One doesn't have to look far to see those contributions. There are programs, which include the Outward Bound program, the annual Thanksgiving dinner for Seniors, the NHS blood bank, to mention only a few. Businesses in the community support the schools in many ways: they open their doors to junior and seniors for career week, they financially contribute to recreational and scholarly programs.

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From Sen. Cohen:

Did Thomas Jefferson envision a program like Medicare?

An attention to health, once wrote, should take the place of every other object. Without it, there is no happiness. And he later observed that the care of his country's happiness is the first and only legitimate object of good government.

Medicare, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary next year, seems to be the embodiment of both of these goals. In the quarter century since Lyndon Johnson signed the program into law, we have seen a vast improvement in health care for the elderly.

Health care is now available for virtually all older Americans, only half of whom had that insurance in 1965. As a result, health care is more available and more people take advantage of it, which has improved both the quality and the length of life.

But such improvements have not been without significant cost. In 1965, the federal government estimated that the hospital portion of Medicare would run about \$8.8 billion in 1990. The figure was just that. We are now anticipating those costs reaching nearly \$70 billion next year.

That is money well spent and money that we must continue to spend to ensure Medicare beneficiaries the care they deserve and have come to expect.

Nevertheless, this expenditure comes at a time when we are in the throes of a huge budget dilemma. Estimates vary, but it appears that we will have to cut the deficit by \$10 billion to meet the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit target of \$4 billion. That means that nearly everything, including Medicare, will be on the table.

According to published reports, the White House is considering asking Congress to hold back \$8 billion in Medicare spending for fiscal 1991 that is projected under current law.

This would affect primarily the portion of the program provided by the federal government, reimbursements to providers, and services rendered to Medicare patients. And it could come at a time when many hospitals, especially those in rural areas, could not afford it.

These difficulties were spelled out in detail at a hearing I chaired in Bangor

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years ago the Maine Legislature established the boundary as a straight line between the two points.

An 1985 survey, commissioned unilaterally by Bethel, also mapped the boundary as a straight line. Newry, however, refused to accept that survey, contending that in the two centuries of its existence the line had evolved into a more jagged demarcation.

The zigs and zags, Newry argued, were the result of official adjustments, magnetic anomalies and topographical effects. Newry Selectman Steve Wight points to earlier surveys that, he claims, clearly reflect these meanderings.

With the towns unable to agree on where the line lay, a three-member commission was established to resolve the matter.

In 1987 the commission ruled in Newry's favor, but the vote was split, and Bethel refused to accept it.

A month, lawyers for the two towns presented their arguments before Justice Brown.

Justice Browne's ruling, however, has done little to resolve the matter. Rather than opt for one version of the line or another, he presented the towns instead with three options for settling the matter: go back to the original commission and try to get a unanimous decision, begin again with a new set of commissioners, or try to work the matter out before the court.

Newry is willing to try the third approach. Mr. Wight said, and has requested the Bethel selectmen set a time to meet with their Newry counterparts on the matter.

If the towns are able to agree on a compromise line, they will have to petition the state Legislature to officially ratify it. The difference between the two versions of the line is less than 100 feet at its maximum, Mr. Wight said, and which side of the line is resolved, it will probably have no effect on tax increases in either town, or on how much taxes property owners along the line would have to pay.

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**Andover board unhappy
with proposed terms
for repairing road job**

BY BARBARA ADAMS

As a result of last week's meeting with Blue Rock Industries, the selectmen received a letter from the company estimating \$7,000 as the cost of repairs to the East B Hill Road. The company informed the selectmen they would patch the plain dirt road with asphalt and resurface the road during the winter.

In the spring they will meet with the road commissioner to discuss which parts of the road would require repaving.

The selectmen disagreed with the estimated cost of repairs, however, since the renovation of East B Hill Road originally cost \$40,000. They are conveying their opinion in writing to Blue Rock.

The board voted, 2-1 (John Rich opposed), to postpone the repair until \$67,000 raised by Blue Rock until a more realistic figure is forthcoming. (The balance includes work on other roads besides the East B Hill Road.)

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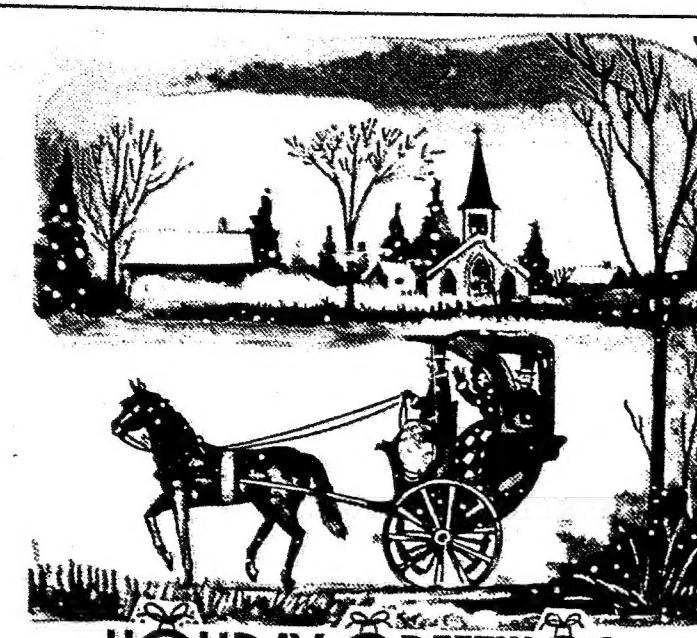
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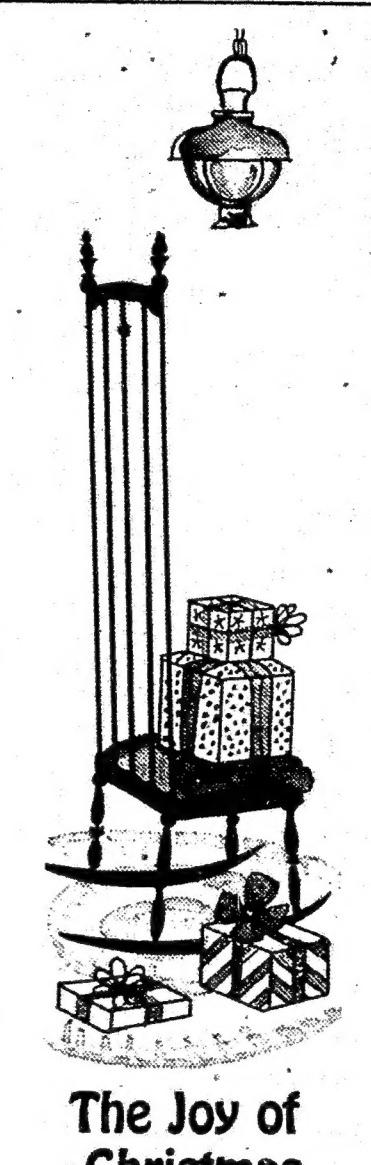


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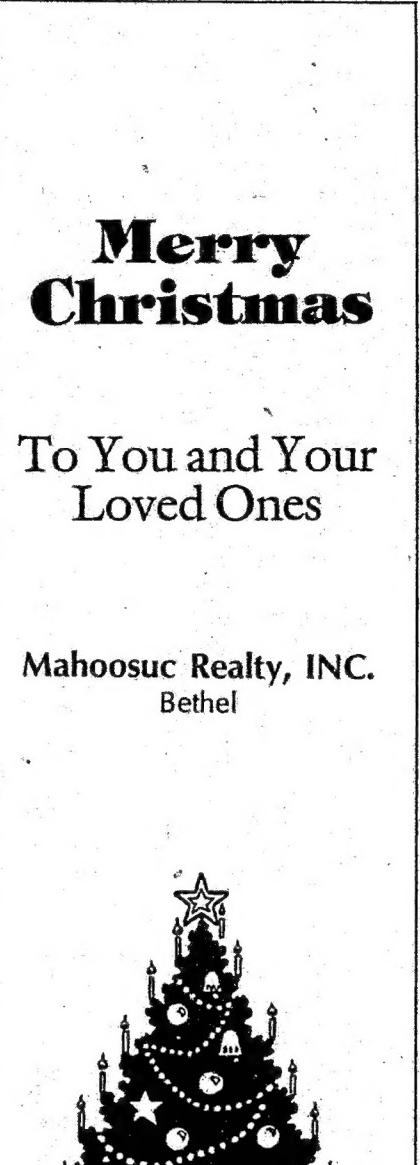
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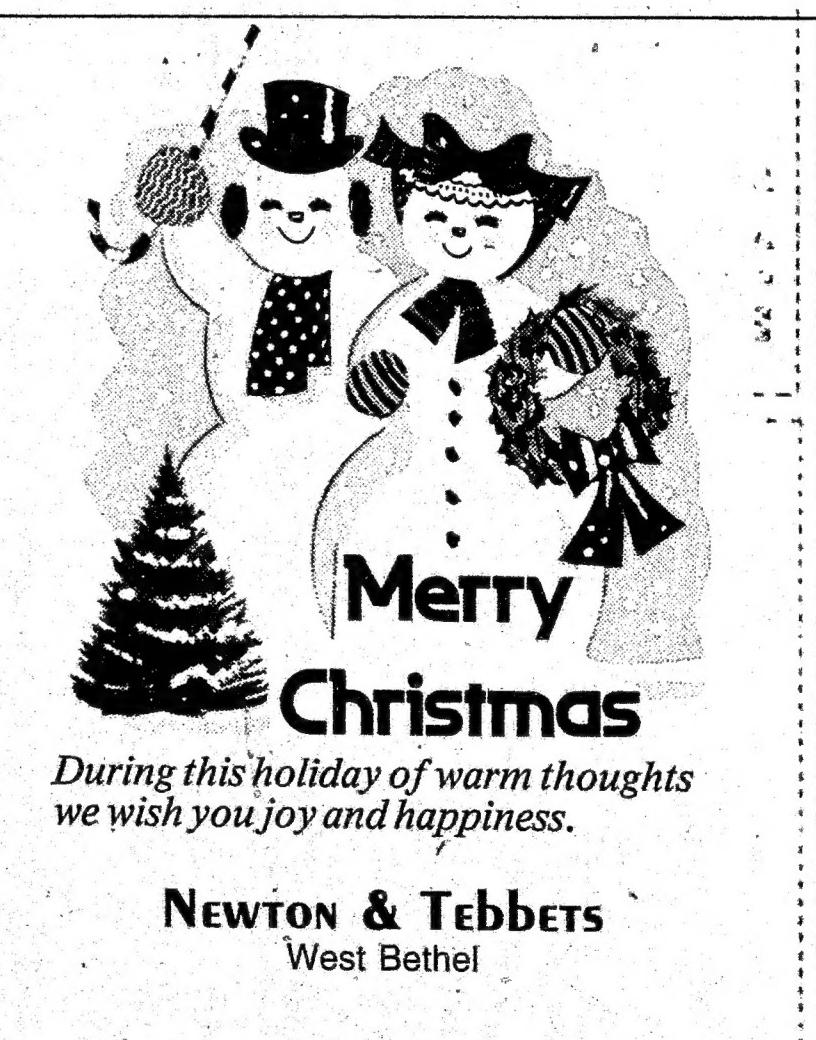
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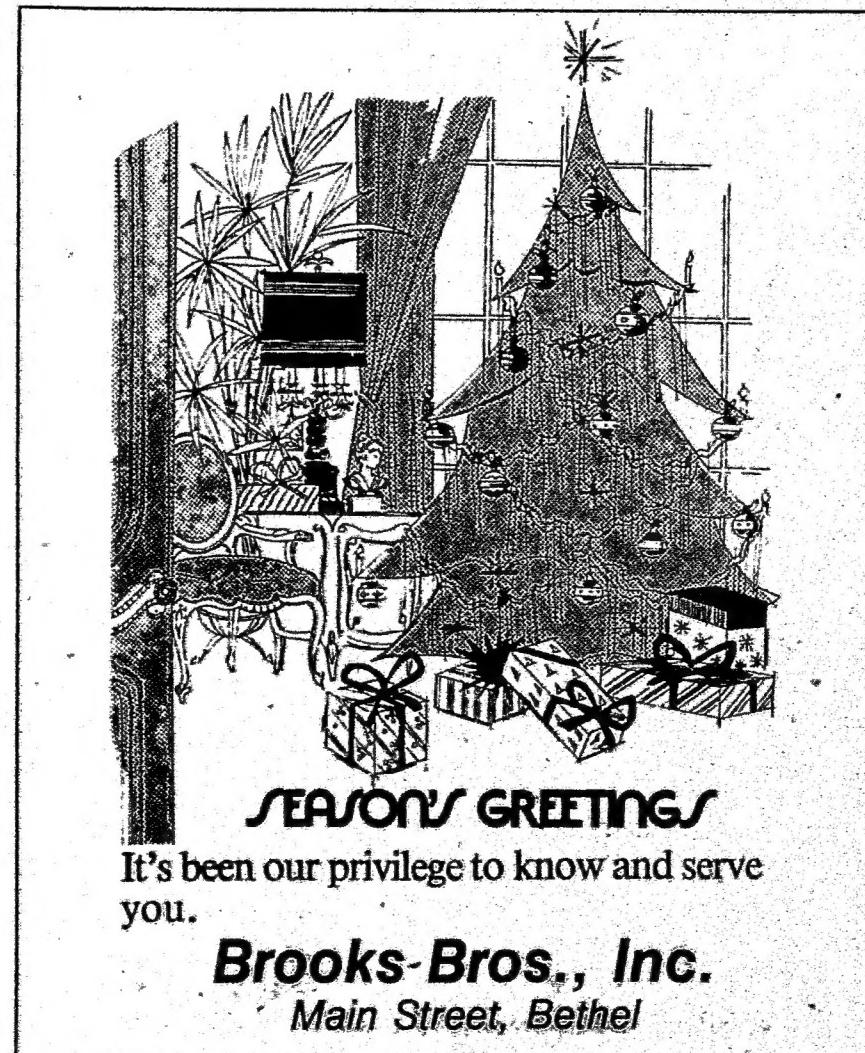
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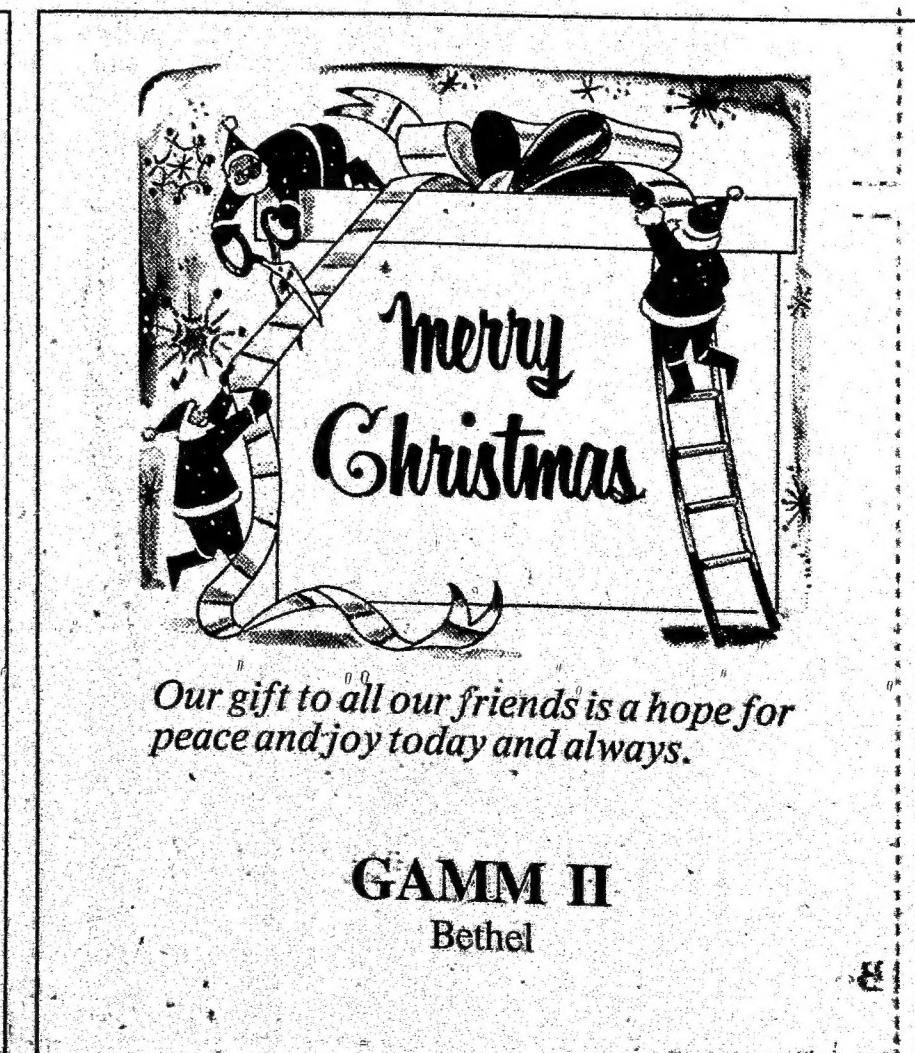
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<i>Have A Happy Holiday!</i> And a safe one — keep a firefighter home. Bethel Fire Dept.	<i>Holiday Spirit</i> A time of giving and sharing. Thanks. Bethel Auto Sales Rt. 2, Bethel, Maine	Christmas Greetings It's music to our ears to wish you happiness, cheer and to say thanks. Sudbury Inn Main St., Bethel	Greetings Maine Line Products Main St., Bethel	"On Donder, On Blitzen!" Santa travels the world to bring you a holiday filled with good will. Wilson's Auto Body Bethel • 824-2389	Christmas Joy Hearty good wishes for a merry, old-fashioned Yule. Ripley & Fletcher Main Street, Bethel
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<i>Holiday Wishes</i> The best gifts of all are love and laughter. Bob's Corner Store Locke Mills, ME	<i>Noel</i> Hope your holidays are aglow with happiness. Ralph Merrill Bethel, Maine	MERRY CHRISTMAS We hope Santa brings you the best of everything. Bryant Pond Village Store Bryant Pond, Maine	Yuletide Greetings Happy Holidays from all of us at Bailey's Body Works	Merry CHRISTMAS Hope you're sitting pretty with joy and peace. Bryant Pond Auto Body Bryant Pond, Maine	<i>Glad wishes by the stockingful.</i> Lowell's Saw Shop Route 26, Bethel

The Citizen's prime time TV guide

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 21, 1989

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Cheers	M*A*S*H	Movie: "Holiday Inn"		H's Heroes	H's Heroes	M*A*S*H				
(4) Escape	Monitor	Secrets of Nature	Beyond 2000	Nature	Orphans	Safari				
(5) Our House		Movie: "We're No Angels"		700 Club	Batman	Batman				
(6) Cosby	Stableboy	Cosby	Dif. World	Cheers	Dear John	L.A. Law	News	Carson		
(8) Cur. Affair	Boss?	Psychic Detectives	Young Riders	Primetime Live	News	Nightline				
(10) MacNeil/Lerher	Mainewatch	Maine	Mystery!	Sandbaggers	Mother	Two's Co.				
(11) Cagney & Lacey	Spenser: For Hire	Movie: "Brotherhood of Justice"		Spenser: For Hire						
(12) Oklahoma Centennial	With Dinah	Crock	Nashville Now	Whittaker	VideoCity	Crook				
(13) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Garfield	Claymation	Island Son	Knots Landing	News	Pat Sajak			
(16C) Peo. Court	WPIX News	Movie: "Chariots of Fire"		WPIX News	USA Ton.	Cheers	H'mooner			
(17D) Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live	CNN News	Moneyline	Sports				
(18E) Movie: "The Time Machine"		Movie: "I'm Gonna Git You Sucka"		Movie: "Dead Heat"						
(20G) Bruins	NHL Hockey: Minnesota North Stars at Boston Bruins			Powerboat Racing	Hockey					
(21H) SportsCr.	College Basketball: Boston College at Providence									
(22J) Jeffersons	NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Miami Heat			Billy Graham Crusade	Movie: "Shaft in Africa"					
(23J) America's Business	MoneyTalk		Business Tonight	Focus	Art Market	MoneyTalk				
(24K) In. Gadget	Looney	Bewitched	Mister Ed	Gr. Acres	Car 54	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons	
(26M) Miami Vice	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: "It Happened One Christmas"								
(27N) Chronicle	Survival	Vic. at Sea	Eagle-Bear	Swan Lake		Improv				
(29P) "Bettejuice" Cont'd	Movie: "Dangerous Love"	Movie: "Going Undercover"								
(31R) Make Msic	Rag. Ann	Walt Disney	Movie: "Spooner"	Ozzie & H.	Bob Hope					
(32S) Cosby	Kate & Allie	Jewel in the Crown		News	Taxi	Arsenio H.				
(34U) Cheers	Night Court	Movie: "Swing Shift"		News	USA Ton.	Newhart	Hill Street			

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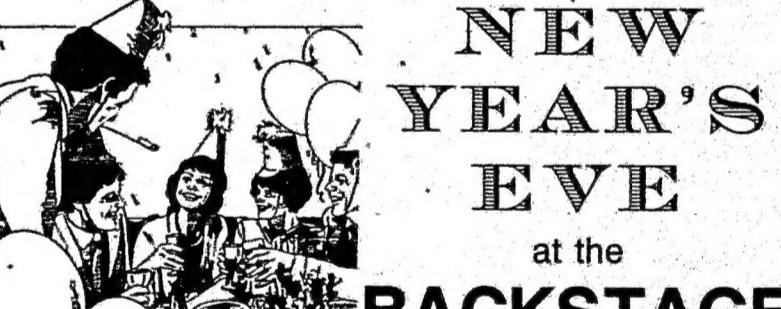
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(4) Rendezvous	Monitor	Bill Burndt Animals	American Album	Women	Look East	Great Wall of Iron				
(5) Our House		Young Messiah		TBA	700 Club	Batman	Batman			
(6) Cosby	Krueger	Baywatch	True Blue	Marcus FBI	News	Carson				
(8) Affair	Boss?	Full House	Family	Strangers	Ten of Us	20/20	News	Nightline		
(10) MacNeil/Lerher	Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Live from Lincoln Center		Red Dwarf	Served				
(11) Cagney & Lacey	Movie: "Key Exchange"			Molly Dodd	Molly Dodd	Spenser: For Hire				
(12) VideoCountry	Church St.	Crook	Nashville Now Christmas Card	Rock	VideoCity	Crook				
(13) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Charlie Br.	Frosty	Movie: "A Very Brady Christmas"	News	Pat Sajak				
(16C) Peo. Court	WPIX News	Little House: Bless All Dear Children	WPIX News	USA Ton.	Cheers	H'mooner				
(17D) Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live	CNN News	Moneyline	Sports				
(18E) "Sign o' the Times"	Movie: "Purple Rain"	Movie: "The Lair of the White Worm"								
(20G) Sports	AHL Hockey: New Haven Nighthawks at Springfield Indians			Golf: Tucker Anthony	Bowling					
(21H) SportsCr.	Ski World	Bodybuilding	Boxing: Michael Moorer vs. Michael Sedillo	Motorweek	SportsCr.					
(22J) Jeffersons	Sanford	Movie: "Rampage"		NWA Wrestling	Night Tracks					
(23J) America's Business	MoneyTalk	Business Tonight	Focus	AutoTrends	MoneyTalk					
(24K) In. Gadget	Looney	Bewitched	Mister Ed	Gr. Acres	Car 54	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons	
(26M) Miami Vice	Murder, She Wrote	Hitchcock	Bradybury	Hitchhiker	Werewolf	Miami Vice				
(27N) Chronicle	Survival	Footsteps	Movie: "Love and Death"		At the Improv					
(29P) Inside the NFL	Movie: "Die Hard"		Movie: "Enemy Territory"							
(31R) Movie: "The Magic Snowman"	Xmas Spcl	Movie: "The Yearning"								
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MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 25, 1989										
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(5) Our House				Peagent: His Story		700 Club	Batman	Batman		
(6) Cosby	Night Court								News	Carson
(7) Affair	Boss?			MacGyver	NFL Football: Cincinnati Bengals at Minnesota Vikings					
(10) MacNeil/Lhrher				WonderWorks		On Stage at Wolf Trap	No Place	Served		
(11) Cagney & Lacey				Spenser: For Hire		Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"				
(12) Tommy & Timmy	Tommy	Timmy	McNally	Crook	Nashville Now Christmas Card	Ridge Boys	Tommy Hunter			
(13) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Major Dan	Teddy Z.	Murphy B.	Design W.	Newhart	Doctor	News	Pat Sajak	
(16C) Pec. Court	WPIX News					WPIX News USA Ton.	Cheers	H'mooneer		
(17D) Moneymaker	Crossfire	PrimeNews			Larry King Live	CNN News			Moneyline	Sports
(18E) "King of Kings" Cont'd							Movie: "The Shining"			
(20G) HorseRace	Skiing	Michigan	Penn St. Football Story	Skiing		Powerboat Racing	Cycling: BMX			
(21H) SportsCir.	NFL Trivia									
(22I) Jeffersons	Sanford			Movie: "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad World!"			Adventure: Great Events	Magic Yrs.		
(23J) America's Business				MoneyTalk	Business Tonight	Focus		MoneyTalk		
(24K) In Budget	Looney	Bewitched	Mister Ed	Gr. Acres	Car 54	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons	
(26M) Miami Vice				Murder, She Wrote		Prime Time Wrestling				Miami Vice
(27N) Chronicle	Survival	India								
(29P) Jacci & Babar				Little's Christmas Carol	Shortstories		At the Improv			
(31R) Oggi Bear	Xmas Spcl	Small One			Movie: "Willow"				Ozzie	
(32S) Cosby		Movie: "Pocketful of Miracles"				News		Taxi	Arsenio H.	
(34U) Cheers	Night Court	Movie: "The Sundowners"				News			Jeffersons	Hill Street

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 1989										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Cheers	M*A*S*H				Movie: "Doctor Dolittle"				M*A*S*H	Elsewhere
(4) Escape	Monitor	Great Wall of Iron	Beyond 2000			Hawaii Turns 30!				American Album
(5) Our House				Movie: "All Hands on Deck"		700 Club	Batman	Batman		
(6) Cosby	Night Court	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night		Midnight Caller		News	Tonight		
(8) Affairs	Boss?	Boss?	Wonder Y.	Roseanne	Couch	Images of the '80s	News	Nightline		
(10) MacNeil/Lhrher		Now			American Experience	Christmas At Starcross	Foxy Lady	Travel Mag.		
(11) Cagney & Lacey		Spenser: For Hire	Movie: "Hobson's Choice"				Spenser: For Hire			
(12) VideoCity	Top Card	With Dinah	Crook	Nashville Now		On Stage	VideoCity	Crook		
(13) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Rescue 911		Movie: "National Lampoon's Vacation"		News	Pat Sajak			
(16C) Peo. Court	WPIX News	Movie: "Lightning - The White Stallion"			WPIX News USA Ton.	Cheers	H'mooneer			
(17D) Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live		CNN News					
(18E) Fun With Dick and Jane		Movie: "A Soldier's Story"		Movie: "First Blood"				Flashdance		
(20G) Bruins	NHL Hockey: Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins			Bowling				Hockey		
(21H) SportsCir.	ESPN's Tenth Anniversary Special	Boxing: Donald Curry vs. Brett Laity			Sports '90s					
(22I) Jeffersons	Sanford	Movie: "Little House: The Last Farewell"		Waging Peace						
(23J) America's Business		MoneyTalk	Business Tonight		Focus		MoneyTalk	MoneyTalk		
(24K) In, Gadget	Looney	Bewitched	Mister Ed	Gr. Acres	Car 54	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons	
(26M) Miami Vice		Murder, She Wrote	Movie: "The Turning Point"							Miami Vice
(27N) Chronicle	Survival	Biography		Movie: "The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp"		Donna Mills				
(29P) Daily-Quickestr	Movie: "The Great Outdoors"	Young Comedians Show	Movie: "High Spirits"							
(31R) "The Last Starfighter"		Who's in Charge Here?	Movie: "The Disorderly Orderly"	Movie: "The Nutty Professor"						
(32S) Cosby	Kate & Allie	A-Plus for Kids	A Will	Daily Mixer	News		Taxi	Arsenio H.		
(34U) Cheers	Night Court	Movie: "Sweet Dreams"			News	USA Ton.	Jeffersons	Hill Street		

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 27, 1989										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Cheers	M*A*S*H	Movie: "The Slipper and the Rose"			H's Heroes	M*A*S*H				
(4) Escape	Monitor	Wildlife	Record	Wings		Hawaii Turns 30!				
(5) Our House		Movie: "The Loneliest Funeral"		TBA	700 Club	Batman	Batman			
(6) Cosby	Night Court	Unsolved Mysteries	Night Court	Two Dads	The Eighties	News	Tonight			
(8) Affairs	Boss?	Gro. Pains	Head Ciss.	Google H.	Anything	China Beach	News	Nightline		
(12) VideoCity	Top Card	Church St.	Crook	Nashville Now		On Stage	VideoCity	Crook		
(13) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Beauty and the Beast	Jake and the Fatman	Wiseguy		News	Pat Sajak			
(15C) Peo. Court	WPIX News	Movie: "The Formula"			WPIX News USA Ton.	Cheers	H'mooneer			
(17D) Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Larry King Live		CNN News					
(18E) World of Susie		Movie: "Eye of the Needle"		Movie: "Places in the Heart"						
(20G) High School Hockey	HS Hockey: Providence Journal Invit.			Golf: Tucker Anthony		Ski Mag.	Skiing			
(21H) SportsCir.	College Basketball: LaSalle vs. Ohio State									
(22I) Jeffersons	Sanford	Jeffersons	NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Memphis State		"A Distant Trumpet"					
(23J) America's Business		MoneyTalk	Business Tonight		Focus		MoneyTalk	MoneyTalk		
(24K) In, Gadget	Looney	Bewitched	Mister Ed	Gr. Acres	Car 54	Sat. Night	SCTV	Laugh-In	My 3 Sons	
(26M) Miami Vice		Murder, She Wrote	Movie: "Spy"							Miami Vice
(27N) Chronicle	Survival	World War I 20th Cent.	Why We Fight		Sun Digger	Evening at the Improv				
(29P) "Blue Sides Again"		Movie: "Crocodile Dundee II"		1st & Ten	Kids in Hall	"Enemy Territory"				
(31R) No Deposit, No Return	Danger Bay	Danger Bay	Movie: "The Man Without a Country"		Stones	Ozzie	Buccaneer			
(32S) Cosby	Kate & Allie	Adam-12	Dragnet	T.J. Hooker		News	Taxi	Arsenio H.		
(34U) Cheers	Night Court	Movie: "Salvador"			News	USA Ton.	Jeffersons	Hill Street		

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By VIVA WHITMAN

Well, another of those beautiful but cold mornings again today. Two above what we got up at 6 a.m. It's been that several times lately and the other day it was two below so not very warm weather we are having. The ski slopes should be happy to have it though as it lets them make all the tracks they want to make to go along with the snow. I presume there are skiers galore on the slopes day after day and especially on the weekends.

Haven't gotten out for walks for some time because of bronchitis and wish it would clear up so I dared to go out walking. My legs miss the exercise. However, it doesn't seem to do the lungs much good to go out in the cold air. Still cough my head off at times and wonder if it will ever stop.

Russell didn't go for walks for a little while as his back was bothering so badly but has gotten out the last couple of days and when he got back yesterday he said that up on the road that leads to Alvin Yates place, there were deer tracks galore. He said it looked as though a herd had been through.

I was at the party Lovejoy last night and she told me that her son went down across the river late.

Night before last there were four that they counted while they watched. It is a beautiful sight to see them in the moonlight as we used to when up in the old Porter neighborhood. My husband and I saw deer down in the field a number of times and what a sight when the moon was shining to light up the territory. I can still see it now.

People didn't go to the dance on Saturday night as Peggy did. It was at Oxford Grange Hall and guess they had a good time.

Wynona called me on Sunday morning to see if I could come down to watch the girls while she was square dancing in the afternoon. We would go with her and watch. It sounded good so I decided to go down. Have driven more lately so it got things together and drove down. It isn't quite as far now that they have moved.

After dinner we got ready and away we went. The dance was held in West Paris Middle School gymnasium and it was rather chilly there but I kept my coat around my shoulders and kept fairly warm than way. Courtney and Kariann kept on the move so didn't notice the coolness at all. What fun to watch the square go through the many maneuvers that is required for the different combinations of moves. It sure looked like fun and if the old legs would get better so I could, I would like to try some of those maneuvers myself. I was greatly with the ladies wearing their big skirts and colorful petticoats under them. The caller was Lee Kennedy and what a good caller he was. It was fascinating to listen to him sing along with the song itself and still call the calls he needed to for the dancers. A beautiful voice like that should be heard by more folks than it is so good. I sure enjoyed watching the performance by all which made it a good afternoon for me.

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**NEWS FROM THE
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The annual Christmas potluck supper will be on Thursday Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Nevry Town Hall. A meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. Newcomers are most welcome.

haven't slept good Sunday night and being very tired and not feeling too well Monday morning. Wynona and Mike both came up most of the way to help me get home. Nonie drove my car and Mike followed and they stopped at Youngs to get a Christmas tree. Finally got to feeling better yesterday and seem to be fairly good today so guess I'll live.

Nonie and I are getting married now and are trying to get things together to really have it the way they want it. Hope they succeed. The girls will have a nice place to play come summer as there is a large back yard; something they haven't had in the past.

Have been sewing up a storm getting things made for Christmas and it seems as though I will never get things done but I will.

Peggy was in Portland on Monday for a meeting of the card company that she works for doing her thing at LeVerrier's each week seeing that the cards are out and new ones put up as they need to be. She said they had a good day and got some goodies for going which is nice. Yesterday she was at the stores in South Paris and Bridgton fixing the cards so it has been a busy two days for her. This morning she will drive me to the doctors so we don't let her get too much time for mischief.

Sunday was a good day for driving so Mary Lovejoy, husband Archie and Helena Bartlett of Bethel House in Bethel, spent the afternoon visiting with Eleanor Emmons on the Harrison Road.

The Raymond Mack's called on Tammy Farmar in Bryant Pond recently. Glen Virgin from Nashua, N.H. has been a recent visitor in the neighborhood also.

Mary said she had a couple of birthday parties lately for members of her family and she was full of birthday cake.

This isn't a good time for birthdays as it is too close to Christmas. How well I know this.

Hope a lot of folks go to the dance this Saturday night to benefit the folks that got burned out. It must be a terrible thing and hope it never happens to me but one more knows.

Don't forget the Grange dance at West Paris Jan. 6 with refreshments and fun as usual. Another new year and we hope it will be a good one for all.

Take care and have a good Christmas one and all.

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OXFORD GRANGE MEETS

Oxford Grange hosted Oxford Ponoma Dec. 5. Guests recognized were Gordon and Clara Gardley, Assistant Steward and Lady Assistant Steward of the State Grange; Hazel Conant, Treasurer; Lewis and Myrtle Bisbee, Deputies, and Roy McElroy of the State C.W.A.

C.W.A. and Dead Activity chairman reported.

A sympathy card was sent to Alfred Stone of Oxford Grange on loss of his wife. Get-well cards were sent to Edna Briggs, West Paris Grange, and Robert Lewis, Oxford Grange.

Attendance was 30 with Franklyn Grange, Bryant Pond taking the attendance banner.

The Grange voted to send C.W.A. Chairman Terry Bisbee to the conference in Augusta.

Ponoma will be inspected by State Lechner James Owens at the Feb. 6 meeting.

Lechner Bertha Benoit presented a

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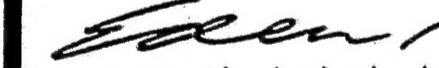
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By ALICE KIMBALL

While Meredith White was operating a snowmobile near her home last Sunday, the throttle stuck and she could not control it. It ran into a tree, resulting in a broken arm for her.

Norma and I were in Auburn-Lewiston Saturday. On Sunday we went to Hinsdale to celebrate the birthdays of Erin Adams and Amber Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lincoln of Hinsdale, Mass., were at the Lincoln home over the weekend in observance of their anniversary.

Mrs. Winona Verrell visited Mrs. Elmira Doyen last Saturday afternoon.

Norma and David Salvay attended the annual Christmas party of Kendall Interdenominational Church in Townshend Country in Shelburne, N.H., on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons were in Rumford Wednesday. Eleanor received word this week that her brother-in-law is hospitalized in serious condition in a Denver hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hunter of Unity and daughter, Mrs. Jayne Rossolini of Belfast, visited with me on Wednesday.

I spent the day Thursday with daughter, Barbara Olisfield. We did some shopping in Auburn-Lewiston.

Most mornings this week have been very cold at 0° or below, with more strong winds.

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THIS WEEK AT THE
Moses Mason House

Dr. Stanley R. Howard, director of the Bethel Historical Society, announced a recent addition to the Society's gift of a portrait of Phineas Howard, Sr., the proprietor of Howard's Gore, now part of the present town of Hanover.

Mr. Howard, born in Malden, Mass., on March 21, 1765, moved to Sudbury Canada (now Bethel) in 1793. He lived in that plantation briefly before buying a tract of land in Newry which was wedged between the plantations of Newry (now Newry), Sudbury Canada and New Paris (now Rumford) in 1794. For this parcel of over 2,000 acres, he paid the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the sum of 112 pounds and 3 shillings, and it became known as Howard's Gore.

There Mr. Howard built a large set of buildings and later owned a number of more parcels of land in the area. When he died on Sept. 23, 1851, at the age of 86,

The donor of the portrait is Judith Ray of Austin, Texas, who has a summer home in Hanover. The portrait was found in her grandparents' home, which was once the residence of Phineas Howard, Sr.

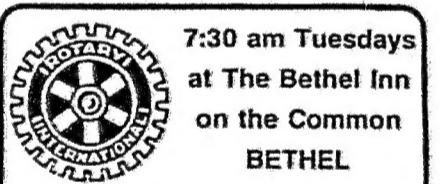
To Society Curator of Collections Randolph H. Bennett, a specialist in Oxford County history, who made the arrangements for this gift, its acquisition by the Society "is a major addition to the organization's growing local art collection." He added that, in addition to its local significance, it will also be permanently displayed in the period house museum within the Dr. Moses Mason House.

The Bethel Historical Society, a non-profit educational corporation, is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the local past for present and future generations. Over 800 members strong, the Society operates a major research center for western Maine and the White Mountains. Its operations also include a public library, publications and special programs for both adults and students.

Over 88 percent of the 1989 Endowment Campaign goal has been reached with about two weeks to go before the end of the year. Among the latest contributors to the Bethel Historical Society's endowment are Donald and Arlene Brown, Barbara and John Clegg, Dorothy Gravell, Bethel, in memory of Dorothy Gravell and Helen A. Morton, Bethel. This brings to 318 donors during 1989 who have made the endowment campaign such a success. Much gratitude is expressed to the above donors for their generosity.

Those interested in books relating to local history should see Bailey K. Davis' "Iterations and Variations on a Theme," first published in 1987 and has been released by the Berlin Public Library this fall. Mr. Davis describes the origins of this New Hampshire city from its earliest days through the 1950s. In the early days of logging in the area, pines were cut that yielded five 15-foot logs. Davis described the early settlers, many of whom came from Maine (some named Russell and Moulton).

He recalls memorable bear hunting facts and trapping activities in what is today Berlin. He provides useful details on housebuilding, sugaring, and even mining. On the latter subject he recounts the story of Benjamin Russell, Jr. of Newry, who hunted in the Berlin area. On one of his expeditions he became lost for several days. During his search around while lost, on climbing down a very steep place on the side of a mountain, he threw his hatchet down before attempting to get down himself, and from where he then stood the hatchet looked as though it was stuck in the rock, but on getting down he found that where the hatchet struck was a vein of lead, so soft that one could easily chop up any quantity, and on looking around he saw where others had chopped out in abundance.



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LOOKING BACKWARD

10 Years Ago: Over 100 senior citizens attended the Christmas party at the Odd Fellows Hall, Frank Fiske, of Gould Academy, and some students presented a Christmas program of music and songs followed by an exchange of gifts.

Births: Alan T. Russell.

Deaths: Kenneth Cole.

20 Years Ago: The fifth annual Living Nativity was held on the Bethel Common. Senior citizens viewed the Bethel Christmas decorations in the village via a bus generously provided by Roderick and Pearlina McMillin. The Women's Club of Gould Academy held a Christmas party in Holden Hall for Gould faculty children; each child contributed a gift for an underprivileged child in the Bethel area.

Births: April L. Bennett.

Deaths: Jerry A. Gibbs, Kendall Marcus, Marjorie McGuire Seaward.

30 Years Ago: The Thunderbird Motor Inn in Bethel was admitted to membership in the non-profit motel association Quality Courts United, Inc.

Three attacks on motorists occurred last night in South Paris from Bethel, A.F. & M., were Blake Mackay, Fenster Robertson, Lewis Sargent, Floyd Bartlett, Earlon Paine, Ronald Kendall, Colwyn Haskell and Charles Heino.

Births: Edward A. Evans, Jr., Jeffrey Van Imman, Bruce G. Connell.

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COYOTE HARVEST—Willie Wilson, a migrant farm worker at Herb Lyons' orchard in Bethel, holds up two of the 54 coyotes trapped by Neil Olson this fall. The coyote population is now quite high, Mr. Olson said, and with a severe winter, such as the present one, the deer herd will pay the price.

Deaths: Donald F. Brown, Hattie M. Harris.

40 Years Ago: Helen Dyer was elected president of the Bethel Players. Telephone service was extended to Bloody Street, in East Bethel. Stanley Brown suffered injured shoulder when part of a truckload of boards fell on him. Alphonse Baker was injured at the Noyes and Tebbets mill, in West Bethel, when struck by a slab from a boiler saver.

Births: Ruth F. Tebbets, Vicki Brown.

Deaths: Charles L. Davis, Effie Davis.

Brooks.

50 Years Ago: Walter Blake suffered a broken leg while splitting logs for Leslie Davis at Rapid River. Antoinette Nadeau took over the operation of the Simard filling station at Gitead. Schools throughout Bethel and Newry had Christmas programs. A description written by Tom Hill 47 years ago was filed at Bosselman's Drug Store.

Marriages: Clifford M. Abbott and Elvera M. Cole; George Henry Shirley Chase, Jr. and Helene E. Goodwin; Clarence C. Poole and Phyllis G. Tripp.

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A Christmas party with tasting party and exchange of gifts was held. Next meeting will be installation of officers on Jan. 8 with a 6 p.m. supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stephenson, Nova Scotia, visited a few days with their daughter and husband, Susie and Jim Hoyt and Joseph.

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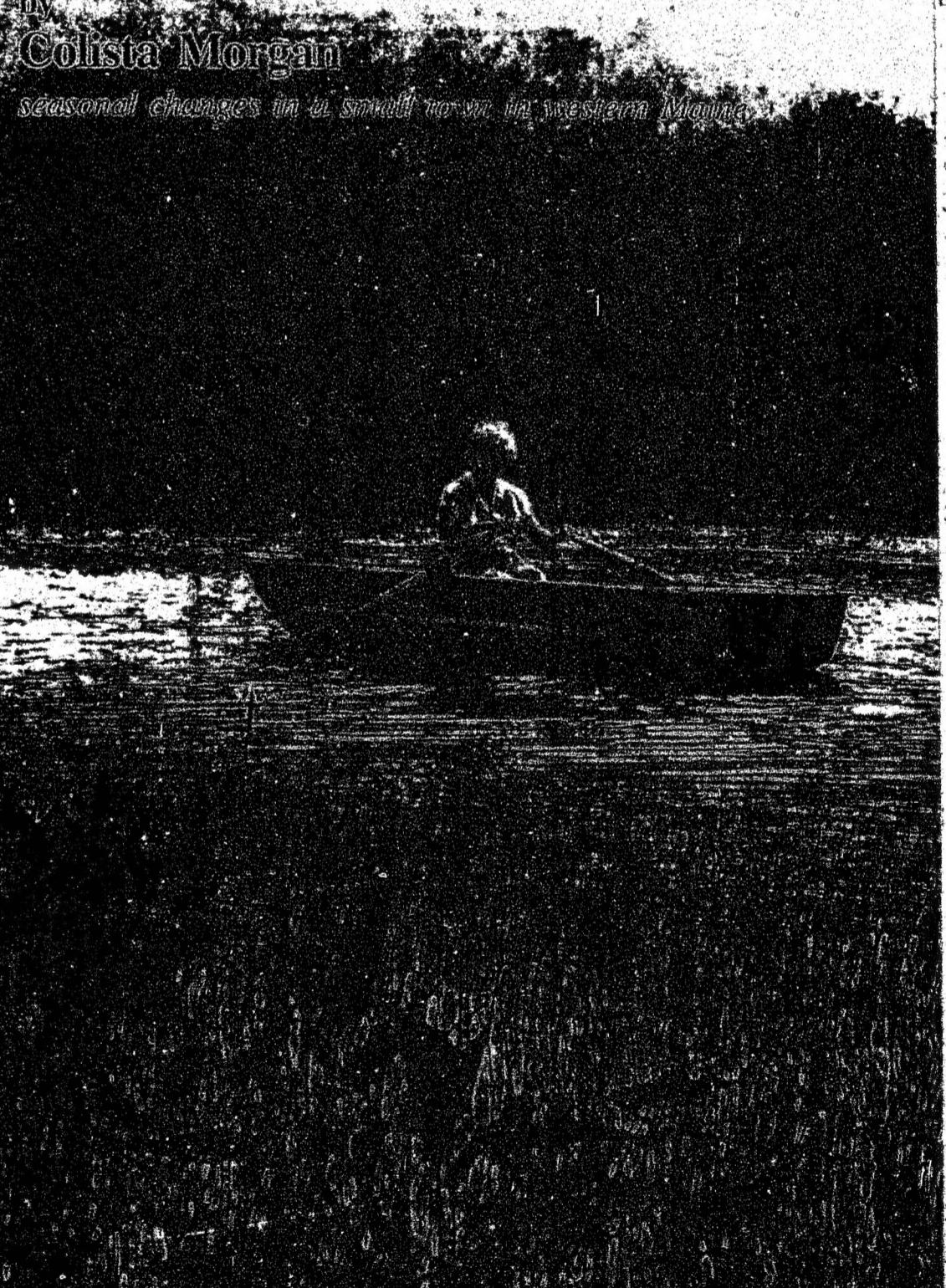
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Agnes Gray School

By MARTA CLEMENTS

There are lots of Christmas activities going on.

The kindergarten classes are making ornaments, decorating Frosty the Snowman's hat and making Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer snacks. These snacks are being made out of bread, cut in triangular shapes, spread with peanut butter. Pretzels are antlers; raisins are eyes; and the red nose may be those little candies called red hot.

The 1st graders are invited to participate in this Christmas snack. The 1st graders are working on their Christmas number book and are preparing the number 6. Each page will have enough pictures to represent each number. They are reading a story, The Magic Christmas Wagon, and are going to make their own Christmas wagons! They are also making Christmas puppets. Also, Bright Eyes, Mallory children's December birthdays.

Charity Weiss is the 2nd Grade student of the week. She and her classmates are working on a Christmas Wish Book. Each child is writing a one-page description of his or her most wanted gift, and the next page features an illustration of that gift. In science the class is studying how animals prepare for winter, and how people prepare for winter. We certainly must be prepared this year!

The 3rd graders are studying biological communities and their interrelationships. They are learning how one small change snowballs into many other changes. They are creating a classroom terrarium. They have been practicing for the Christmas concert and will be presenting All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth, as well as an interesting version of chopsticks called, Christmas Chopsticks.

The 4th graders are welcoming Mr. Litchfield's return. He is still recovering from a back injury. They send their thanks to Mrs. Putnam for her substituting. More news from this class next week.

My 5th graders thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Mr. Waldeier of Waterford. His enthusiasm for our collection and his presentation of new material really piqued our interest. We are involved in social studies each student is responsible for one small part of our chapter to finish up our study of the 13 colonies.

They will be presenting their section in a variety of ways. I have already seen maps, pictures, reports, and questions. It looks like a good project. The day these projects are presented we will also be enjoying our first pizza party of the year.

The 6th graders have enjoyed the relationship with the 4th graders who come to school in some weird outfit. Today was release-outfit-from-the-back-of-the-closed-day. Students and teacher wore outfit that somewhere along the line, someone thought were presentable, but this class would ordinarily never wear. Thursday is going to be wacky hat day. It will be interesting to see what appears. Of course they are working hard academic work all projects are being taught as usual, and in fact we have begun its independent work in the Oxford Hills Math System. Remember our candy bar sale last fall? Profits were for computers. All three computers arrived today. By the time this column appears, they will be in operation in three new classrooms! Many thanks again to all who made this possible.

SAD 17 is also planning to upgrade and add to its current computer situation and will be budgeting to accomplish this. Computer literacy is very much a part of any school curriculum today to help prepare our students for their future.

Northwest Bethel

By CLARICE GIBSON

So. Woodstock

By OLIVE R. DAVIS

I called around but couldn't find too much news. For one thing we are in a freeze, as it has hardly got above freezing all of December. The weather service says that this is the coldest December record. I haven't been out much at night, but expect that many of the houses must look nice with their lights. Have been over to see James William several times this week and have had to go down to South Paris for one of my fillings came out.

Frank George and I went to the Ripley and Fletcher Christmas Party Dec. 9 at South Paris Legion Hall. Also going were Brent Douglass and Shelley Rice. The South Paris crew brought in the food, which was served buffet style. Understand they had dancing later in the evening, but we didn't stay.

Pat and Jack Greig attended eight of the evening of Dec. 9 to a Christmas party. These were employees and spouses from the Rumford office of Social Security.

Dec. 9, Seth and Jon Howe went to the Methodist Church to make decorations and then decorate the tree. Later a family potluck supper was served. Bob and Linda attended with Jon and Seth.

The 10th, Linda, Jon and Seth Howe went on the sleigh ride that was at Crescent Park School. After the ride the Howes went to visit Lew and Erine Clough at their home.

Sherri Angeline Cordova, with help from Kathy Mason and girls, gave Melinda Bishop a baby shower at the home of Ruth Mason. Also attending were Tana Cordova; Stephen and Brandon Bishop; Dora Morton, Andover; Tammy Hanson; Roxanne and Monica Corriveau; Jana Mason; Elaine and Misty Hutchins; Gilead; Sarah Colidge and Jennifer Mason. Meredith Mason made the sandwiches.

Have been trying to find out who is living in the yellow house at the beginning of our road. Also I see that Dr. Mason and

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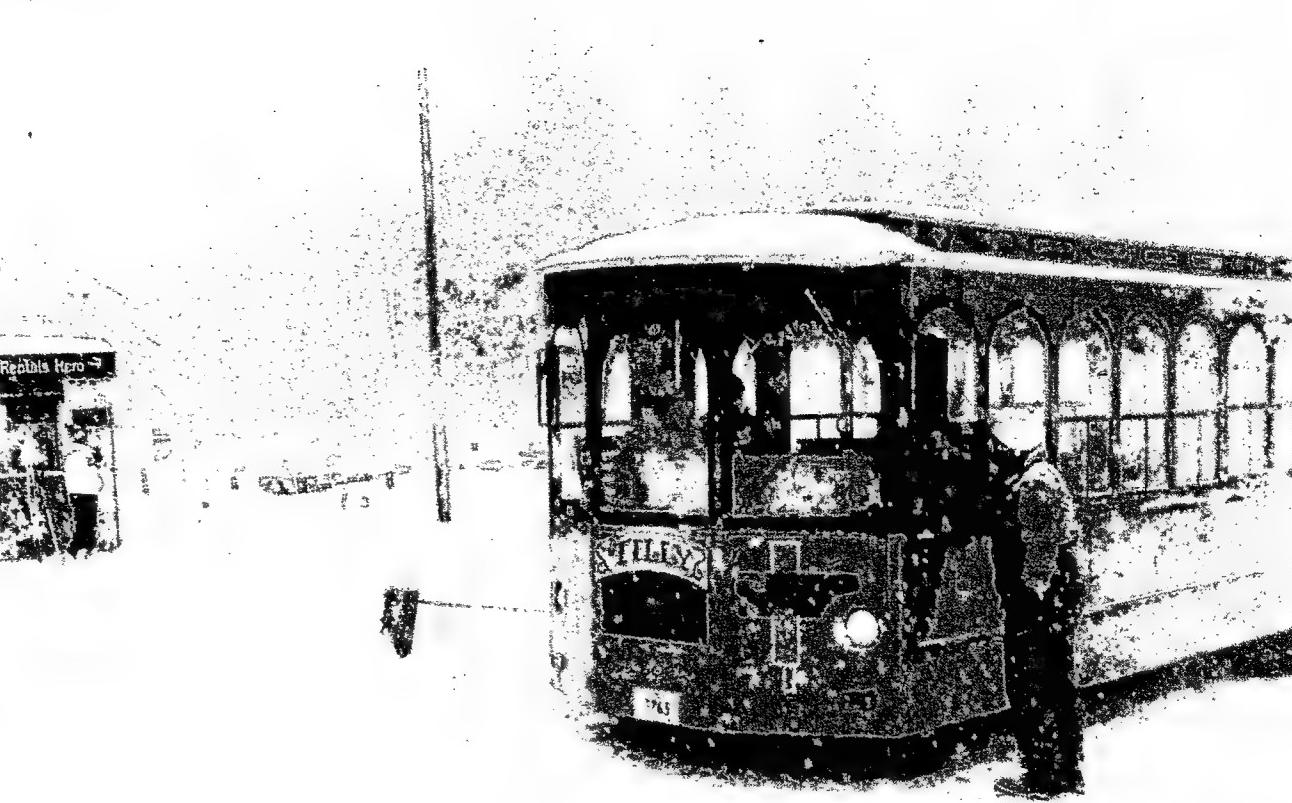
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Sadly passed by
Wife, Children, Grandchildren
Dec. 24, 1988



A LULL IN THE STORM—Welcome as it was, Saturday's snowstorm meant tons of extra work for the staffs at Sunday River Ski Resort and Mt. Abram Ski Slopes—and, of course, for highway crews and home shovellers. Here, Greg Viger and Tilly the Trolley driver Charlie Buttermore use a mid-morning lull to catch up on mountain affairs. Greg, along with many of his fellow workers at the mountain, had been busy much of the night at the countless chores necessary to ensure that things run smoothly when the skiers arrive.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ted Chadbourne

AHLQUIST-CHADBOURNE

Theodore S. "Ted" Chadbourne, of Bethel and Earlene "Kitty" Ahlquist were married Dec. 23, 1988 at her home in North Star in Bethel. The bride's parents, her sons Guy and Adam, Greta and his daughters Deborah, Tamia, Dori and Teri. The wedding was followed by an open house for other family members a week later.

Kitty, the daughter of Earle and Winona Ahlquist, of Scarborough, has taught handicapped and disabled children in public schools, led workshops and Bible study groups for Stonecroft Ministry, a non-denominational consulting service. "Accents on You" is a freelance artist and art instructor.

Ted, son of Phil and Mary Chadbourne of Bethel, has served Bethel on the school board and planning board, been general manager of P. H. Chadbourne and Co., lumber operations and president of the Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association. Since retiring from mill management, he has been a consultant and land developer, and does historical research and writing.

The couple is living at 2 Fides Drive, Saco 04072, phone 224-6481, while her son Adam completes high school.

West Paris

By MIRIAM INMAN

There will be a candlelight service at the Universalist Church on Christmas eve at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The West Paris Historical Society 1990 calendars are now available. They make a nice last minute gift for Christmas giving. The West Paris Hardware has some on hand.

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The chief said he'd be happy to part with one of his bears should such an occasion arise, but he hopes one never does. The big bear to the right is the DARE program mascot, who's also delighted with his new friends.

Funds available for trees lost to drought or freezing

Tre producers who lost commercial tree seedlings because of drought or freezing weather during the year may be eligible for payments under the 1983 Tree Assistance Program (TAP).

Authorized by the Disaster Assistance Act of 1988, the TAP provides replanting funds for trees or seedlings planted any year to produce annual crops for commercial purposes that were killed by freezing or drought conditions during 1983.

"The program also compensates producers for losses of commercial seedlings planted during 1983 and 1989 to produce trees for harvest, but that died because of drought conditions," said Beverly Stevens, of the Oxford County Agricultural Stabilization and Conserva-

tion Service.

To qualify for drought or freeze payments, Mrs. Stevens said, losses on individual stands must be more than 45 percent, after adjustment for normal mortality.

Cost-share reimbursement will be made for 65 percent of the cost of replanting that portion of the adjusted loss which exceeds 45 percent.

"Payments for trees killed by freezing weather will be made only to those producers who lost 500 acres of orchard trees or less," said Mrs. Stevens. "And for trees destroyed by drought will only be made to those producers who own 1,000 acres or less of trees planted for commercial harvest."

Tre growers who think they may be eligible for the TAP should contact their local ASCS office, before replanting damaged tree stands, so that mortality

rates can be accurately assessed, Mrs. Stevens said.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

The Bethel United Methodist Church invites all to a 10:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant Service, At 17:30 p.m., Christmas Eve, there will be a worship of candlelight and song. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate Christ's birth.

On the 19th we are having a 6th-grade social dance. It should be fun too.

Fuel assistance available

An early and prolonged cold snap has resulted in over 4,000 applications for fuel assistance in Oxford and Androscoggin counties. The application process is simple. Concepts Inc., which administers the HEAP program in Western Maine,

The State of Maine has already received its first allocation of funds for the much needed benefit to families experiencing higher bills this winter. Another \$8.7 million is awaited.

Community Concepts expects applications to exceed last year's program, which was in excess of \$2 million for the two counties. Applications will be provided assistance to 4,000 families.

"The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is there to help," said Linda Haagel, director of special programs for Community Concepts, "and families in need of assistance in paying home heating costs are encouraged to apply, especially families with children under 18 and those elderly who are at risk from hypothermia brought on by prolonged exposure to the cold."

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Obituaries

ADDIE E. BURKE

Addie E. Burke, 98, of West Peru died Friday, Dec. 15, 1989 at her residence in Deltoma, Fla. For many years she had resided in West Peru.

She was born in Upton on Jan. 5, 1891, the daughter of John and Polly Ellwood-Brown. She attended schools in Upton, and was an honorary member of Swift River Grange.

Mrs. Burke was married in Mexico on July 4, 1906, to Ronald Burke, who died in West Peru on Aug. 31, 1973. She was a member of the Mexico Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs.

Ruth (Mrs. Kirk) DeLong, a son,

Ralph (Mrs. Ruth) DeLong, a sister,

Mrs. Florence Coolidge of Farmington;

16 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren

and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two sons, Harlan

and Wendell Burke.

Funeral services were held Dec. 19 at

the Meader and Son Funeral Home, in

Rumford, with the Rev. Ronald

Ashworth officiating. Interment will be

in the spring, at the Oxford Cemetery,

in West Peru.

BLANCHE E. SHAW

Blanche E. Shaw, 91, of West Paris,

died Sunday, Dec. 17, 1989, at Ledgeview

Memorial Home, in West Paris, where

she had been a patient for one year.

She was born at New Sharon on Jan. 5,

1898, the daughter of Arthur L. and

Isodore Riggs Maguire. She received her

education at South Lancaster Academy

and South Lancaster College.

She was an elementary school teacher

and taught in New York, Massachusetts

and Maine.

She married David Shaw on June 4,

1923. Prior to moving to West Paris 11

years ago, she and her husband lived in

South Woodstock.

Mr. Shaw was a member of the

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist

Church, and a member of the Kings

Daughters of New England Conference

of Seventh-day Adventists.

She is survived by her husband of West

Paris; a daughter, Marilyn Esty of

Newark, Del.; three grandchildren and

six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were to be held this

morning (Wednesday), at 11 a.m., at the

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist

Church, with Pastor Eric Anderson of

officiating. An interment will be in the

South Woodstock Cemetery. In lieu of

flowers, donations may be made to the

Seventh-day Adventist Church School

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VELMA B. DAVIS

Velma B. Davis, 84, of Merepoint

Road, Brunswick, formerly of 11 Main

St., Freeport, died Dec. 9, 1989, at a local

nursing home after a long illness.

She was born in Freeport, the daughter

of Omar and Edith Davis Brown. She at-

tended schools in Dixfield, graduating

from Dixfield High School's class of 1923.

Ms. Davis was employed by Freeport

Shoe Co., for 20 years until her retire-

ment in 1969.

She was a member of First Parish

Church Congregational of Freeport and

a member of its Myprah Club. She also

was a former member of Bryant Pond

Grange, having lived in South Woodstock

for several years.

Her husband, Gerald F. Davis, died in

1977.

She is survived by a daughter,

Geraldine Shorey of Cumberland; one

granddaughter and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were private with no

visiting hours. Spring interment at Burr

Cemetery, Freeport.

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memory to the Alzheimer's Disease

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04074. Arrangements were by the Lind-

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Mistletoe: the grinch that's stealing the spruce?

The grinch should focus on mistletoe rather than Christmas, said Bill Livingston, University of Maine assistant professor of forest pathology.

Livingston has nothing against kissing under mistletoe, but he said that one type of the plant is posing a major threat to U.S. evergreen trees, particularly in the West, but also in Maine, especially along the coast.

"Dwarf" mistletoe is causing serious damage to this country's conifers," said Livingston. Mistletoe could be called a Christmas grinch all on its own because of the damage it causes to spruce, pine and fir, often used as Christmas trees.

The loss is estimated at an average of \$18 million cubic feet of timber per 28 million acres of forest land, said Livingston, according to the Maine Forest Service. This amount of the appropriate wood would be enough to build 163,000 single family homes.

The traditional leafy mistletoe which most people kiss under, however, is not a major culprit, said Livingston. All mistletoe plants are parasites, drawing water and sometimes nutrients from the trees on which they grow. Mistletoe, which has no leaves, causes the most damage because it derives almost all of its nutrition from the host tree, he explains.

"Leafy" mistletoe can weaken trees or limit growth but does not usually do substantial damage because it supplies its own nutrients through photosynthesis and only relies on its host for water," Livingston said. Traditional mistletoe grows

in warm climates and causes its most serious threat to trees when water is scarce.

Dwarf mistletoe, on the other hand, can significantly reduce productive wood growth not only by robbing the host of nutrients but also by stimulating abnormal growth in infected areas, according to Livingston.

Loss of quality and quantity of wood from decreased tree vigor, at slower rates of growth over the course of years, death of weakened trees,

"This parasite plagues pines and firs in the West and spruce in the East," said Livingston, "with the greatest losses being in the major western timbering regions including Washington, Oregon and California."

While the problem has received little attention in the East, Livingston said, "the most devastating damage is in the West."

On the Maine coast as I've seen

anywhere cut West." In Maine, dwarf mistletoe infects large coastal spruce stands, causing unattractive trees and an abundance of dead wood which can lead to fires.

"It's become a serious fire hazard on some islands off the coast of Maine," said Livingston. In fact, fire is nature's way of controlling the mistletoe by clearing out the infected trees.

Many foresters believe the problem in high infected areas by cutting, while pruning and selective removal of trees is effective in lightly or moderately infected areas. When selectively removing trees, Livingston said the emphasis is on the tallest infected trees because mistletoe is spread when its sticky ber-

ries are dropped to other plants below.

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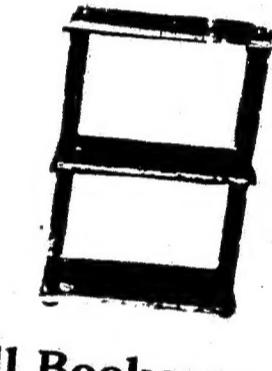
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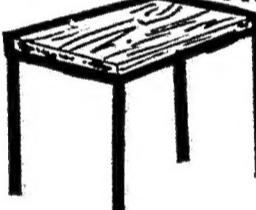

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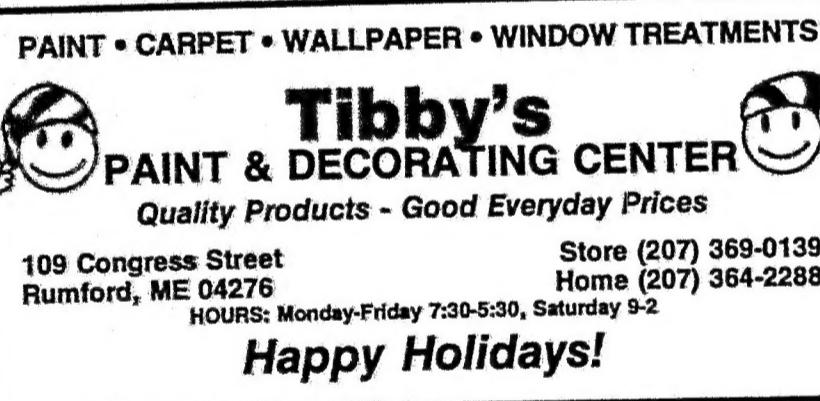
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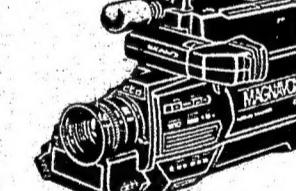
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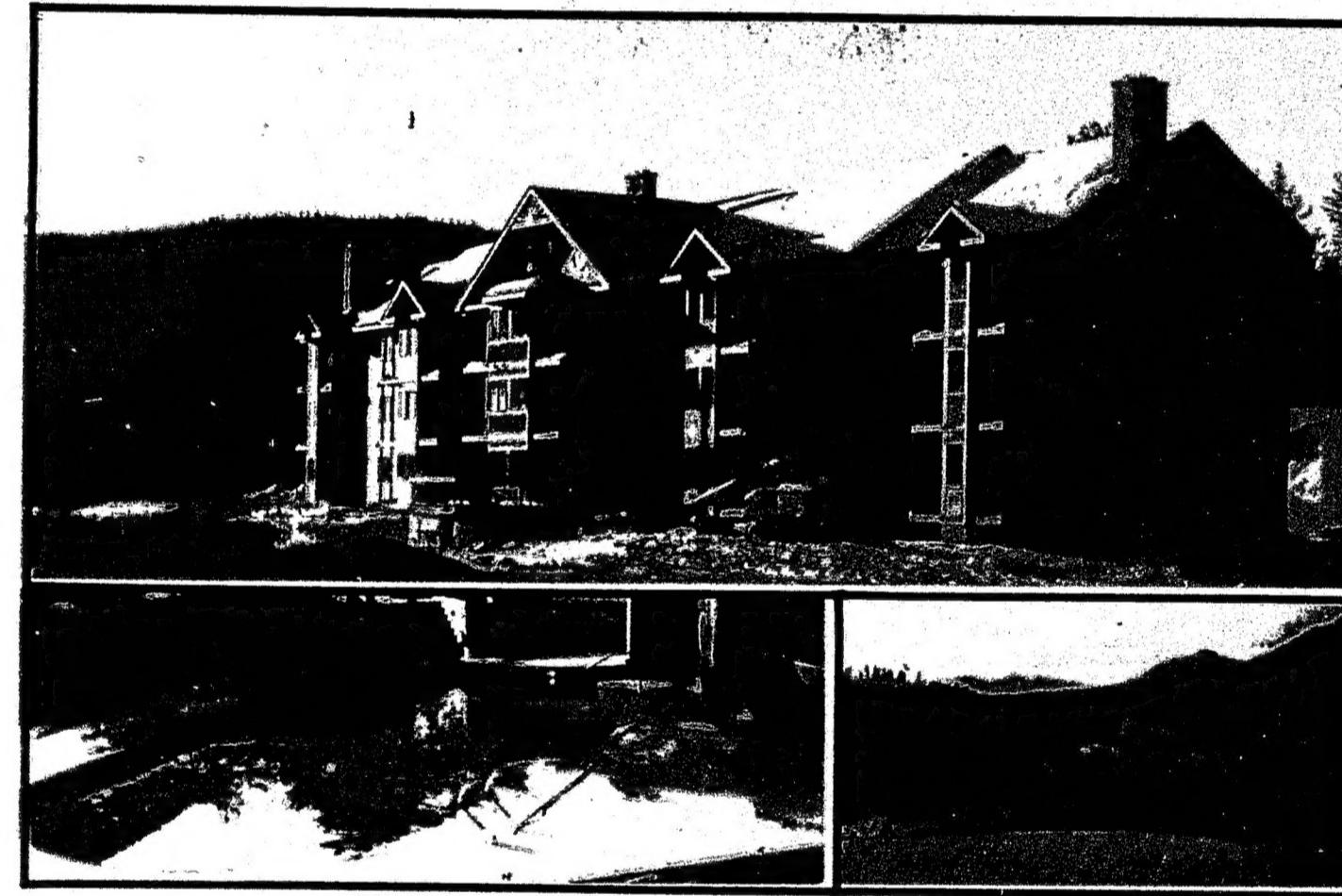
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